FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1975

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Second reading

**The Hon. B. A. CHATTERTON (Minister of Fisheries)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1971. Read a first time.

The Hon. B. A. CHATTERTON: I move:

*That this Bill be now read a second time.*

Its object is to amend the Fisheries Act, 1971, with a view to bringing the definition of “the Director” in section 5 of that Act into line with present Government policy as expressed in the proclamation made by His Excellency the Governor under the Public Service Act and published in the *Gazette* on October 2, 1975, whereby provision has been made, inter alia, that any reference in any Act to the Director of Fisheries or the Director of Fauna Conservation and Director and Chief Inspector of Fisheries is to be read as a reference to the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to achieve this object by striking out the definition of “the Director” and substituting a new definition which defines the Director as the person for the time being holding and performing the duties and functions of the office of Director for the purposes of the Act. There are a number of references to the Director throughout the Act and it would be a simple administrative act for the Governor to appoint a person to the office of Director for the purposes of the Act, without reference being made in the Act to his specific title.

Clause 3 enacts a new section 6a which provides for an office of Director for the purposes of the Act and confers power on the Governor to appoint to that office such person as he thinks fit. Apart from the reasons for this Bill which I have already given, the enactment of this Bill will facilitate the reprinting of the principal Act (as part of the consolidation programme) with an undated definition of “the Director”, the present definition having also been affected by a previous proclamation under the Public Service Act which has now been superseded by the proclamation published in the Gazette on October 2, 1975.

The Hon. R. A. GEDDES secured the adjournment of the debate.